Guests Gather At Table

Guests of Mrs. Lucy S. Greene's Home Economics class gather around table at Appomattox County Middle School Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Velma Elliott's class and Mrs. Gale McCraw's class displayed hand crafted Chris.mas decorations and gifts at the reception for administrators and teachers.

Daniel Reports

By W. C. (Dan) Daniel
Virginia Fifth District Congressman

WASHINGTON - Last month, Congress took several actions which are, or should be, of vital concern to every American. The major actions might be compared to the two sides of a coin called "Information." Both concern data, and how the government handles it, and we are this week beginning to see the first one bear fruit.

By a ratio of better than 10-to-1, the House voted to override the President's veto of the Freedom of Information Act Amendments, and the Senate also overrode.

The purpose of these amendments was to make more readily available to you the information on which vital decisions are made, when it is proper to do so, and to place the burden of proof on the government when it is not. Much too often, the government's classification procedures, intended to shield defense and diplomatic efforts which should be kept secret, have been manipulated to keep secret instead bureaucratic bungling and vital information which should be the property of the people.

Several years ago, when the subject of the Pentagon Papers was current, we took a look at the use - and abuse - of classification procedures. High on the list of absurd cases was the military historian who, when he sought information of World War I naval battles was denied the information by the Department of Defense on the grounds it was "Top Secret". This did not cause the author too much of a problem; he got the information out of a public library in London, England.

Then there was the case of a disturbance at a West Texas Army base in 1907. Sixty-five years later, when practically all of the principals were long since dead, the Department still considered that classified, too.

These are examples of somewhat ridiculous use of the right to withhold information. There are others which are not ridiculous, and which cannot be justified for reasons of security or diplomacy.

Where is the justification for an agency such as the Department of Health, Education and Welfare hiding behind the classification system? The answer, of course, is that there is no justification. But it is done, and not just by that agency. In the absence of rebuttal, we can rightly assume this is a case of "what we don't know can hurt them."

One of the worst offenders, though, has been the Internal Revenue Service. Long a model of efficiency at extricating from the taxpayer his hard-earned cash, the agency's adroitness was, as often as not, based on the fact that the wage-earner wasn't allowed to play with a full deck of cards. IRS's internal manuals slipped through a loophole of the original Freedom of Information Act and lay safely out of reach of the taxpayer or his representative. Now, if you have a need for this information and the fortitude to plow through the governmentese, it must be made available to you. The IRS has made public five of these manuals, dealing with its audit techniques, and while the public must pay a modest price for the manuals, at least the information can be had.

The other side of the coin is the information the federal government maintains about the individual. While the government has been jealously guarding those things it does not want you to know, it has been very free with information it collects about you. Sharing of information has been commonplace, and the nature of some of the information accumulated smacks more of plain nosiness, than a legitimate need for data.

Under the Privacy Act, you have acquired added protection as to what can be assimilated, and how it can be used. Among other things, the Act prohibits the keeping of records concerning political and religious beliefs, and allow you control over the transfer of personal information between agencies by requiring prior written consent. It limits access to records containing personal information, and places such access on a need-to-know basis. Criminal penalties are prescribed for unlawfully divulging information, and in obtaining data an agent of the government must tell you why it is sought, and whether you have the legal right to withhold it.

Still another bill was passed, and though it has limited application as it stands, it offers a ray of hope. This bill requires Congressional approval of census questionnaires used to obtain statistical information about businesses. These special censuses are taken every five years, and have grown progressively more lengthy. Hopefully, before the 1980 general census, a like bill will be passed as regards information - gathering on individual citizens.

The federal government knows entirely too much about the American people right now, and in many instances, about the wrong people. Certainly information should be obtained on the criminal and on those bent on subversion of the government. But most of us are neither criminal nor subversive, and bureaucratic inquisitiveness is beginning to resemble, more than anything else, the neighborhood gossip.

There may be an additional fringe benefit in all this. Now that we can look over the bureaucrat's shoulder, rather than the other way around, now that the burden of justification and of protection rests with the government, that government may decide it does not need so much information, after all.

Have You Ever Seen a Galanty?

This was the old name for the shows put on at Christmas time by traveling entertainers, who projected shadow shows in pantomime, using silhouetted figures, by means of a magic lantern. The galanty shows were projected on a white sheet, or on the ceiling. But before long, magic lanterns became cheap and plentiful, so people had them in their homes, with an array of colored slides—and this became a popular home entertainment.

Now, many years later, and in spite of the attractions of television, the lineal descendants of those early magic lanterns continue to fascinate us. Who hasn't seen a series of color slides, usually the well-known "pictures of our trip," proudly shown by photographer friends?

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Latin Students Increasing

Radford – Do you remember your "amo, amas, amat"? Or can you give all the uses of the dative case?

Probably not, because, if you had Latin at all, you know that it is one of those subjects whose particulars slip out of your mind almost as fast as they slip in.

But you also know that it was a valuable course, whether you now remember how to do your declensions and conjugations or not.

Latin has suffered a drop in popularity during the past ten years, but University of Virginia figures indicate that nearly 10,000 students were studying Latin in secondary schools in 1973-74.

Ruth Williamson, assistant professor of Latin at Radford.

Mrs. Williamson has been teaching Latin at Radford for eight years and she is the president of the Classical Association of Virginia. She hasn't seen her Latin classes dwindling in size, but she has seen other changes.

Until last year her beginning classes had been small, but she had had more students in her intermediate and advanced classe. "There were still some good, strong high school Latin programs" that were feeding into the colleges, she said.

Now, fewer high schools are offering more than two years of Latin and the students Mrs. Williamson is getting are not as advanced in their training.

"Now I'm having big classes in first year. I no longer get the large numbers of students with four or five year backgrounds."

She has about 40 student in her Latin classes this quarter, and another 26 in mythology.

Mrs. Williamson said that the high schools are having to drop or minimize their Latin offerings because they can't find teachers. But she also said that almost all of the Latin majors that graduate from Radford go on to become Latin teachers.

She thinks a Latin renaissance may be starting in the high schools despite the shortage of teachers. The Junior Classical League, she said, is doing much to enliven and build up Latin programs in the high schools.

Why continue teaching Latin? Mrs. Williamson said, "We should keep on teaching it because its a part of our cultural heritage. Expecially we should teach the literature. A by-product is that the students strengthen their vocabulary and take a new look at their own language."

But she emphasized "the optimistic." The best part of Latin, Mrs. Williamson said, is the pleasure.

Bicentennial News

WASHINGTON, D.C. - If you haven't as yet decided what to give Uncle Sam on his 200th birthday, why not make it a tree, a flower, a plant, a shrub!

Just think if all of his relatives chipped in by planting a living gift on the occasion of his Bicentennial, what a pleasant beginning it would be for his third century.

John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), who has said the success of the Bicentennial will be judged by the number of participants, not spectators, suggests this is one way an individual or community can become involved in the commemoration of the nation's 200th anniversary with lasting effect.

The ARBA is encouraging support for the "Green Survival for the Third Century" program of the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN) and has designated the project a national Bicentennial program.

Mr. Warner presented a certificate of recognition and a Bicentennial flag to Louis Hillenmeyer, President of the AAN, on Dec. 3.

In addition to focusing attention on the project, official recognition provides for the use of the national Bicentennial symbol in connection with the program's activities.

The program is designed to encourage "individuals and groups to plant trees, shrubs, grass and other plants in a nationwide effort to help purify the air, stabilize the soil, clarify the water, beautify our surrounding and abate noise."

The Association is working with State and Territorial of agriculture in the promotion of "Green Survival for the Third Century," and ten States are currently using or considering the program.

For 20 years the association has conducted an Annual Landscape Award Program and will give a special series of awards to those communities which have shown outstanding interest and success on community beautification during the nation's Bicentennial.

Mr. Warner noted that many of the more than 2,000 communities around the country which have received national Bicentennial recognition to date, have included such beautification programs in their Bicentennial planning and expressed hope that many others will join.

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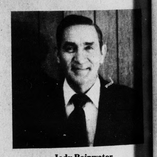
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MISS BEVERLY LOU MOORE

Engagement Is Announced

and Mrs. Wiley Alton Moore of Appomattox, Virginia, ce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Lou, to Franklin Bowman, son of Mrs. Doyle Bowman of Cana, Carroll County, Virginia.

y Moore is a graduate of Appomattox County High

Bowman is a graduate of Carroll High School and is a ate Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg, Va. ntly has been set for the wedding.

A Dec. ting

nthly meeting of the Business Leaders of was held on Dec. 18 in school music room.

eeting was called to by Sheila Franklin, and the scripture and was given by Joan Hopkins.

genda of the meeting of dispensation of ry's report, presenta- treasurer's report and reports from standing ees. The Who's Who ose reported that the ole Month was Julie Moore, Regional FBLA President.

The program for the month was a comical presentation entitled "The Twelve Years of Christmas."

Upon adjournment of the meeting, refreshments were served in the business department.

CORRECTION:
The following was omitted from the 4-H Achievement Awards Program winners listed in last week's paper: Home Environment: Rhonda Nash.

Merry Christmas

Reception For Choir

Following the Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles" by John Peterson performed by the Choir of Liberty Baptist Church on December 15 the choir members were entertained at a reception given in their honor by Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan in their home at Spout Spring. In keeping with the yule season Christmas decorations were the theme of decor. The choir was informally entertained by extemporaneous performances by fellow choir members. Mrs. Ben Marshall served at the punch bowl. Special guest for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ferguson and Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Chauncey and some of the choir children.

FBLA Girl of The Month

MISS JULIE MOORE

The FBLA Girl of The Month for December has been an asset to our Chapter in her three years as a member.

She has attended all FBLA planning sessions, and all Chapter meetings. Our girl worked on the '74 Homecoming Float, and helped prepare Chapter meeting on March of Dimes. She has also sold Cherrydale Candy to raise funds for our Chapter, and brought food for our Thanksgiving Basket, which was a community service project.

The offices our girl holds includes Regional President, and State Vice-President of the Longwood Region. She has also represented FBLA in Washington, D.C. at the March of Dimes Convention.

Our Chapter is lucky to have a girl such as Julie Moore, who is the December FBLA Girl of the Month.

Julie is a senior, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Moore, of Appomattox.

Society News

IF YOU HAVE SOCIAL ITEMS,
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Miss Mabel Hudson returned home Wednesday after spending several days with friends in Richmond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob Montgomery of Annadale will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson.

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Mrs. Bena House will spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blanch and family at Kenbridge.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan and son, Bill, will spend Christmas Day in Farmville with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Coleman and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Barron and sons, Mark and Steve, of Arlington, will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lougenia Doss.

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Steve Lawson, a student at the University of Richmond, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Merle Lawson.

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David Jones, a student at the University of Richmond, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. David Jones.

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Mrs. Flora Stanley is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital where she is undergoing treatment. Mr. Bernard Ferguson has returned home after receiving treatment in a Lynchburg Hospital.

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Chip Jamerson has returned to his home after undergoing surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital. After his vacation he will return to Virginia Military Institute where he is a member of the Rat Class.

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Mrs. Thelma Grishaw is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

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Miss Debbie Caldwell, a student at VPI and SU, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Caldwell.

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Miss Rita Inge, a student at Madison College, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Harris and infant son are spending some time in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ford.

Christmas Party, Open House

The piano students of Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan were entertained with the annual Christmas party on December 13 at her home. Christmas games were played by the guests. Some students performed Christmas solos or duets on the piano and organ for their colleagues. Christmas goodies were enjoyed by the young people.

Following the party the parents of the children were honored guest at an open house and reception hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan. Mrs. Robert Dunnam served at the punch bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lawson and daughter, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., have arrived in Appomattox where they are now making their home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coleman, of Lexington, will be spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman.

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Mrs. W. D. Martin spent the week end at Laurel, Md. with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and mrs. F. T. Dresser.

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MISS DOROTHY MAE SADLER

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy D. Baldwin of Route 1, Pamplin, announce the engagement of her sister, Dorothy Mae Sadler, to William Donald Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Jones of Route 1, Appomattox.

Miss Sadler is the daughter of George Sadler of Prospect and the late Katie O. Sadler. She is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed with State Farm Insurance Company in Appomattox.

Mr. Jones is also a graduate of Appomattox High School and is a student at Central Virginia Community College.

The wedding will be an event of February 14, 1975, at the Pamplin United Methodist Church in Pamplin, Virginia.

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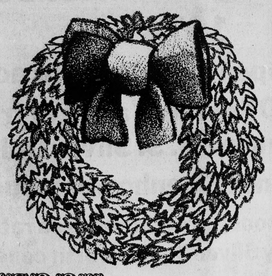
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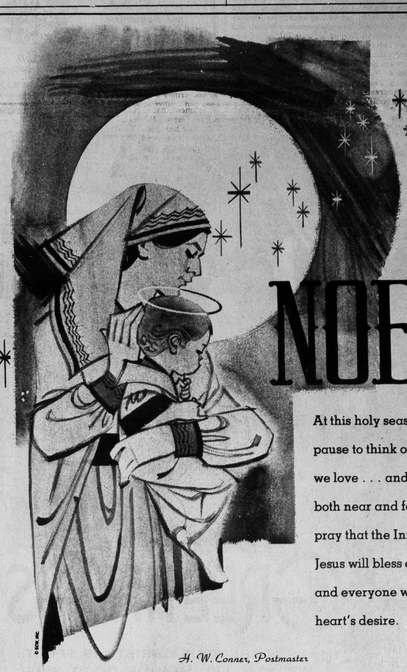
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At this holy season, we pause to think of those we love . . . and friends both near and far. We pray that the Infant Jesus will bless each and everyone with their heart's desire.
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